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SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
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Dear Sir:

The assignee of the above-identified patent asserts entitlement of small entity status in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.27.

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